

ALL CANDIDATES ASKED OPINION

LAND BANK COMMITTEE HAS
FORWARDED QUESTIONS
TO ALL ASPIRANTS.

ANSWERS WILL BE TABULATED

Voters Will Be Informed How Each
Office Seeker Stands on Rural
Credits—Prosperity Ahead
If Adopted.

Jefferson City. The Gardner land bank state committee has fired the first heavy gun in its publicity and educational campaign by forwarding to the various aspirants for political nominations, United States senator to county representative, friendly letters asking each to briefly but freely express themselves, pro or con, on the new law creating the Missouri Land Bank, which goes into effect December 1, 1916, and the proposed constitutional amendment which finances this institution. Every Democratic, Progressive, Republican, Socialist and Prohibitionist candidate for party honors, high or low, in the state, will receive one of these communications and a pamphlet which details minutely the advantages and merits of the general rural credit system the new state land bank puts into operation. The replies from the candidates will be used to fully acquaint the voters of the state with the prosperity there is ahead for Missouri if the proposed constitutional amendment is adopted.

Stone Gets Data on State Officials.

Senator William Joel Stone is investigating the records of Democratic state officials with a view to making himself thoroughly conversant with affairs of the state. Last week at the district gathering held at Nevada he said that in a future speech he would discuss at length "matters concerning Missouri and Democracy."

Senator Stone said that he had received the reports of all the state officials, and that Auditor John P. Gordon had personally explained to him the inner details of his office.

The senator is waiting for an opportunity to make an address on the needs of Missouri. This will come as soon as he has digested all the official reports.

"I then can go out in the open field and fight the common enemy with a confidence that will be convincing to the people of Missouri."

Senator Stone also spoke last week at Hannibal, and made an address at Springfield.

Earlier Appeals Rate Suit.

Attorney General Barker announced that he would file his suit to recover railroad overcharges for the state, shippers and passengers, collected during pendency of the McPherson injunction against the new rate laws, in the supreme court of the United States.

He lost suits of this character in the Missouri supreme court. His petitions were knocked out on demurrer, the court being holding he had no authority to represent passengers and shippers. He sued for \$24,000,000, or \$2,000,000 from each road.

Barker says he has authority under the federal constitution to file directly in the United States supreme court. The suit will be filed within the next two or three weeks, he declared.

He declared the decision of the Missouri supreme court that he could not represent shippers and passengers could not operate to tie him up.

Governor Goes Up in a Balloon.

Gov. Major in company with one or two other hardy spirits made a balloon ascension at St. Louis one day last week. Moving pictures were taken of the expedition, and these will be exhibited later on for the benefit of a charitable organization. He traveled about 20 miles and landed safely at Columbia, Ill.

New Candidate for Auditor.

Will Taylor, former county clerk of Callaway county, has come out for state auditor. Much opposition has developed to Gordon's continuance in office and Taylor is expected to concentrate all Democratic strength.

Law Unconstitutional.

Word comes from Cape Girardeau that Judge R. G. Ranney has found a defect in the so-called absent voters law and that it is unconstitutional.

Charges Not Serious.

Gov. Major says that he had found nothing tangle in the complaints that have been made against Excise Commissioner Robert J. Fine of St. Louis county.

Hadley Had Expenses Paid.

Speed Mosby, who has been going into the records as to the uses to which contingent funds have been put, finds that former Gov. Hadley expended \$590.95 in taking various trips.

Possums Fat, Law Harsh.

There is deep dissatisfaction among negroes over the fact that possums are classed as "fur bearing" animals. The marsupials seem to be plentiful and the negroes have long had a peculiar affinity for the quadrupeds.

Too Many "Thank-You-Mams."

Highway Commissioner Frank L. Buffum says there are too many "thank-you-mams" on the southern highway. If a road is properly graded and crowned Buffum says "thank-you-mams" are unnecessary.

To Celebrate Jackson Day.

The Democrats of St. Louis have decided to celebrate Jackson in a befitting manner. The date, Jan. 8, will be particularly appropriate as the Democratic editors will be in session at that time.

WASHINGTON CITY SIDELIGHTS

Uncle Sam's "Money Laundry" Saves \$300 a Day

WASHINGTON.—"By washing soiled paper money we save the government \$300 every day," said Miss Annie E. Thomas, in charge of the "laundry" of the redemption division of the United States treasury. The laundry machines, of which there are four in Washington and eight in the sub-treasuries, have been in operation four years. They are combination washers and ironers. Two girls work at a machine, which is operated by electricity. One feeds the dirty money to the washer and the other catches the clean money as it leaves the ironer.

The bills are laid on a moving belt of wet blanket, which carries them on to meet another moving blanket from above. Thus secured between these two blankets they pass over and around a number of rollers in a tank of soapy suds which cleanses and sterilizes them. Then they pass through rinsing water, and on to heated rollers which dry and iron them.

They drop out at the end of the course into the hands of a girl, who scrutinizes each bill to determine whether it is fit to be sent out into circulation. As she asserts the bills she stacks those which she considers perfect into piles ready for the expert counters. When the counts are verified the laundered bills are made into packages containing 4,000 of one denomination and kind, and sealed for redistribution among the banks.

"Public opinion in banking circles is divided," Miss Thomas explained, "on this subject of laundered money. Some of our banks desire new money and stipulate that they will not accept any other, while many banks request the washed bills, saying that they are softer than the others and are easier to handle."

Declines Invitation.

Although Gov. Major and Col. Horace Rumsey of St. Louis were scheduled to depart with a crowd of officials and business men on a fishing and hunting trip up the Gasconade River, neither went on the outing. It was announced Gov. Major had gone from Nevada to St. Louis with Rumsey and that because of speaking engagements next week, he probably would not join the fishing expedition.

The steamer August Wholt, commanded by Capt. Gustave Wholt, left here for the Gasconade. On board were tents and fishing and hunting accessories. The expedition will camp at Gasconade City and spend two weeks.

Among those in the party were: W. R. Hollister, secretary to Senator Stone; Clarence G. Hammond, G. A. Fischer, D. C. McClung, warden of the Missouri penitentiary; Dr. Cortez F. Enloe, Julius Conrath, Paul Hunt, J. E. Palm, William Koehler and Paul Shallenberger. Colonels C. C. Butler, Martin Collins, Morton Jourdan, Fount Rothwell and Col. Fred D. Gardner were others who were expected to join the fishermen.

Shake Up at State Hospital.

Governor Major has decided upon an entire reorganization of the management and staff at State Hospital No. 2 at St. Joseph. Smith Penney and Ernest M. Lindsay, the local members of the board of managers, have received cut letters demanding their resignations, and both have complied with the governor's demand.

Penney is a Major Democrat, and Lindsay, who was recently reappointed by Major, is a Republican. Because he considered the governor's action an insult to the entire board, George B. Baker of Maryville, has resigned as a member of the board of managers and has sent a sharp letter to the governor.

It is understood that Judge L. J. Eakin, Democrat, will be appointed as the successor of Penney, and that John D. McNeely, Republican, will succeed Lindsay.

Democratic Editors to Meet.

The Democratic State Press Association of Missouri will meet in St. Louis January 8, J. B. Blanton, president of the association, announced.

"A number of the members of the association," said Blanton, "have written me asking when the meeting would be held and where. We have decided to hold it in St. Louis on the date given."

This meeting will be the virtual opening of the campaign of 1916 in this state.

The membership of the association includes all editors of Democratic newspapers in the state, several hundred in number, and is one of the most powerful party agencies in Missouri.

Says U. S. Spreads Errors.

A controversy is impending between Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston and D. Ward King of Maitland, Holt county, Mo., who claims to be the father of the road drag.

In a letter received by Judge John Kennah, member of the Missouri public service commission and a former neighbor of King when a resident of Holt county, the latter complains of injustice done him in a recent bulletin issued by the department of agriculture.

It is charged that a farmers' bulletin on the split-log-drag, bearing King's name as the author, has been suppressed, while a "mistaken and harmful" one is circulated by your department in its place.

Missouri Postmasters.

Word comes of the appointment of the following fourth-class postmasters by the president recently: Flat Creek, J. A. Bennett, Jr.; Toledo, Mrs. Susan Johnson.

Hadley's Portrait.

A jury in Chicago has awarded Mrs. Huntley the sum of \$500, for an unaccepted portrait of Gov. Hadley ordered by his admirers. Charles A. Houts of St. Louis, was the principal defendant, and the artist sued for \$1,500.

School Funds Hearing on Nov. 5.

By agreement the mandamus suit of State Superintendent of Schools Howard A. Gass against Auditor Gordon was set for hearing by the supreme court en banc on Nov. 5.

Advise Inspection of Stoves.

Walker K. Chorn, state superintendent of insurance has issued a warning to property owners against fires. He advises that a thorough inspection of stoves and furnaces be made before winter sets in.

Rally at Marshall.

Democrats from all over the state were invited to attend another gathering rally at Marshall last Tuesday. Champ Clark, Stone and Reed were among the principal speakers. Other meetings are in prospect.

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American Bluejackets Best Fed of All Fighters

OUR bluejackets are the best-fed fighting men in the world, and if a boy has any leanings toward enlistment in the nation's defense, he will make no mistake by casting his lot with the men aloft. He may have a hankering for terra firma, but it must not be forgotten that the army is outdistanced by the navy when it comes to the matter of dietary. The daily issue of food either to the soldier or the sailor, out of which three meals are made, is officially called a ration. This allowance for the army costs Uncle Sam between 24 and 25 cents, but last year the average cost of subsisting one man for one day in the navy was \$9.366, Jacky being the higher liver by the purchasing power of nearly 12 cents more than his soldier fellow in the national defense. It is not over-stating the case to say that the major part of the fleet's efficiency and the contentment of the men is due, either directly or indirectly, to the generous and varied provender which is now given them whether the ship be in port or plowing her way through stormy seas. There was a time, not long ago, when tinned foods were extensively served on board our naval craft, but the fleet is using less and less of these all the while.

Upon this point Admiral McGowan, chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts, has recently said: "There are certain things that it is almost necessary to use as a part of a ration. For instance, there is canned corn beef, which is so well understood and so well liked in the navy that its use to a certain moderate extent is not only welcome, but most welcome to the men—they like it. Then canned tomatoes and a few other staples: canned fruits and some vegetables are very serviceable and are used right along. But the great majority of all the food furnished to the men now, at least in the battleship fleet, is fresh food—fresh vegetables, fresh meats, fresh bread, etc."

There are some who would have that framed.

Thinks the Snail May Cut the Cost of Living

FROM hippopotamuses to snails is something of a shrinkage, but after advising the American people to substitute the steak of the great pachyderm for that of the western steer—if necessary—E. W. Rust, of the federal horticultural board would cut the cost of living with the humble snail.

Mr. Rust, having eaten the lucious if somewhat glutinous gastropod of the genus Helix, proceeded to inform himself with reference to the approved methods of its preparation for table. His latest literary production will no doubt, in spots, be embalmed within the next national cook book to be issued by Uncle Sam. It embodies the recipes for making the snail palatable. First you catch your snail.

If you're sufficiently fleet of foot; you cleanse; you boil in a caldron of salt water. Now the meat is removed, reduced to paste, seasoned with finely chopped parsley, chervil and shallots—the little hand dictionary refuses to divulge the identity of chervil and shallots—and is placed between two thin slices of unsalted butter. The shells having been cleaned and dried, they are now stuffed with this mixture. If your stomach permits, you eat.

There's nothing nauseating about it—almost everyone who has ever eaten well prepared snails, says Mr. Rust, admits their gastronomic worth, both from the point of nutritive value and that of flavor. They might be used to a great extent as a substitute for oysters, he suggests, which they resemble in flavor when properly prepared.

In the United States snail growing would be a simple matter, for all that is required is a bushy hillside or, preferably, a limestone bluff near water and partially covered with vegetation.

Uncle Sam has created a wonderland into which you may be ushered and there observe a grain of sand assume the proportions of a mountain; an inch expand into a mile; an unappreciable zephyr attain the velocity of a howling gale; the footfall of a tiny fly thunder forth like the tread of a draft horse; the heat of a candle expand into that of a roaring furnace; the cheer and comfort of a cozy home emanate from the unperceived warmth of a distant star, and the gentle pressure of a finger develop into the force of mighty giants.

This wonderland is the United States bureau of standards, and visitors to the Panama-Pacific exposition have had the chance to see there many of its marvels. Of course all the instruments and appliances of the bureau could not be taken to San Francisco for exhibition purposes.

For instance, it was not practicable to take the huge testing machines used to tear apart the stringer steel girders employed in building bridges and skyscrapers, or, if necessary, by the same machine to crush an egg, and in each instance record accurately the foot-pounds or fractions of ounces of resistance.

Remarkable beyond degree are the heat-measuring instruments, which register infinitesimal fluctuations of temperature. A ray of light may have started ten years ago from some distant star, and may have sped all of those ten years to reach the earth; and yet, when the ray of light falls upon the sensitive bolometers operated by the bureau of standards, these will tell the observer the amount of heat that ray from the star brought with it to the earth.

CONDENSATIONS

The Diesel oil engine, which is working well in water craft in Europe, will be thoroughly tested in locomotives by the Prussian railroads.

Canopus, the largest star known, with a luminosity 47,000 times that of the sun, is invisible from the northern hemisphere. O. R. Walkley, an English astronomer, adduces testimony at great length to prove it the central sun of the universe, about which all other orbs revolve.

China's 1914 Importation of shoes

China's 1914 importation of shoes aggregated \$4,249,881.

Closely related to yeast, fungi discovered in breweries by a Japanese scientist have been found to dye silk a beautiful rose color, but to be harmless when used in the manufacture of beer.

Not a single passenger killed in a collision in the last quarter of 1914 in the record to which railways of this country are pointing. It is estimated that 230,500,000 fares were paid in that period.

Children Cry For Fletcher's CASTORIA

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

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In Use For Over 30 Years

The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Dead Easy.

"Say, this vers libre is great stuff, isn't it?"
"I don't see anything in it."
"You don't? Why, a fellow can write a poem to his best bird without the aid of a rhyming dictionary."

Write Marine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago for illustrated Book of the Eye Free.

Sore and Yellow.

"I am getting old," confessed Uncle Pester. "Age is creeping on me. I notice the signs more and more frequently. For instance, the other day, when the circus was here—"

"Why, you went to it?"

"Oh, yes! I went, but I got kind of tired of the hard seats before the big show was over and didn't stay for the concert at all!"—Kansas City Star.

Fame Without a Frame.

A certain author, dining one evening with the John Kendrick Bangs, became excited in the midst of a war talk and began to draw maps on the tablecloth with a pencil. When he realized what he had done he laughed, signed his name to it with a flourish, and said to Mr. Bangs:

"There are some who would have that framed."

Said Mrs. Bangs to him:

"And there are others who would have it washed."

America Has Its Advantages.

An Iowa boy by the name of John Sipes discourses as follows in the Des Moines Register:

"I would rather be a Hawkeye at long distance from the carnage on my little farm, eating roasting ears and pumpkin pies, fried chick and drinking cider, than to be a knighted German warrior on a Belgian field of gore with a bullet in my breast and but little food in my stomach; I would rather be a Hawkeye milking my bossy than a Russian on the double-quick retreat, fearing bullets in my back. I would rather dig potatoes in my tuber patch than be a human target for 15-inch cannon."

Mr. Sipes's head is entirely level. These are days when the humblest circumstances of life in America are preferable to glory and dismemberment in Europe.

MOTHER'S "NOTIONS"

Good for Young People to Follow.

"My little grandson often comes up to show me how large the muscles of his arms are."

"He was a delicate child, but has developed into a strong, healthy boy and Postum has been the principal factor."

"I was induced to give him the Postum because of my own experience with it."

"I am sixty years old, and have been a victim of nervous dyspepsia for many years. Have tried all sorts of medicines and had treatment from many physicians, but no permanent relief came."

"I used to read the Postum advertisements in our paper. At first I gave but little attention to them, but finally something in one of the advertisements made me conclude to try Postum."

"I was very particular to have it prepared strictly according to directions, and used good, rich cream. It was very nice indeed, and about bedtime I said to the members of the family that I believed I felt better. One of them laughed and said, 'That's another of mother's notions,' but the notion has not left me yet."

"I continued to improve right along after leaving off coffee and taking Postum, and now after three years' use I feel so well that I am almost young again. I know Postum was the cause of the change in my health and I cannot say too much in its favor. I wish I could persuade all nervous people to use it."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Postum comes in two forms: Postum Cereal—the original form—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c packages.

Instant Postum—a soluble powder—dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

Both kinds are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup. "There's a Reason" for Postum. —sold by Grocers.

HORSE SALE DISTEMPER

You know what you sell or buy through the sales has about one chance in fifty to escape SALID STABLE DISTEMPER. "SPOHN'S" is your true protection, your only safeguard. For as sure as you treat all your horses with it, you will save the full of the disease. It acts as a cure preventive so matter how they are "exposed." 50 cents and \$1 a bottle. 75 and \$10 dozen bottles. at all good druggists, horse goods houses, or delivered by the manufacturer.

SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Chemists and Bacteriologists, GOSHEN, IND., U. S. A.

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"The signers of the Declaration of Independence pledged their sacred honor to their cause."
"Yes, but how much cash did they raise on it?"

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Are Usually Fresh and Clear, Soft and Velvety. Try One.

The Soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal. Thus these supercreamy emollients promote and maintain the natural purity and beauty of the skin, scalp, hair and hands under conditions which if neglected might disfigure them.

Sample each free by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. XX, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

The Right One.

"The Fates are supposed to embroil life, aren't they?"
"I believe so."
"Then do they select for matrimony the cross stitch?"

THIS IS THE AGE OF YOUTH.

You will look ten years younger if you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray hairs by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing.—Adv.

When a man tells you he is thinking it over, that means he has decided not to do it.

In the case of great men genius and common sense go hand in hand.

ANURIC!

The Newest Discovery in Chemistry

This is a recent discovery of Doctor Pierce, who is head of the Invalid's Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y. Experiments at Dr. Pierce's Hospital for several years proved that there is no other eliminator of uric acid that can be compared to it. For those easily recognized symptoms of inflammation—as backache, scalding urine and frequent urination, as well as sediment in the urine, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, it is simply wonderful how surely "Anuric" acts. The best of results are always obtained in cases of acute rheumatism in the joints, in gravel and gout, and invariably the pains and stiffness which so frequently and persistently accompany the disease rapidly disappear.

Go to your nearest drug store and simply ask for a 50-cent package of "Anuric" manufactured by Dr. Pierce, or even write Dr. Pierce for a large trial package (10c). If you suspect kidney or bladder trouble, send him a sample of your water and describe symptoms. Dr. Pierce's chemist will examine it, then Dr. Pierce will report to you without fee or charge.

NOTE.—"Anuric" is thirty-seven times more active than lithia in eliminating uric acid, and is a harmless but reliable chemical compound that may be safely given to children, but should be used only by grown-ups who actually wish to restore their kidneys to perfect health, by conscientiously using one box—or more in extreme cases—as "Anuric" (thanks to Doctor Pierce's achievement) is by far the most perfect kidney and bladder corrector obtainable.

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Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away instantly. It is really wonderful.

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